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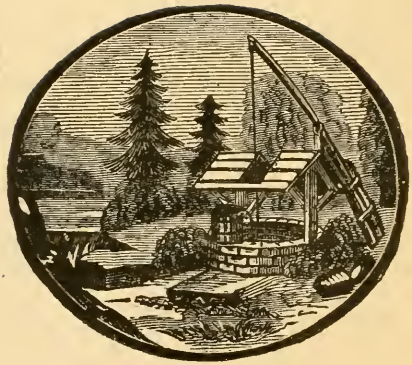

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The Richfield Reunion Association.

Early in the spring of 1880 Mr. Horace Greenwood, then residing at Elyria, Ohio, suggested to several residents of Richfield the propriety of holding a reunion of past and then present residents of that town. The suggestion was received with so much favor that the necessary steps were soon under way to carry it to a successful termination, and on a beautiful August day, in that year, "the old town on the hill" was the scene of a remarkable and most enjoyable gathering of old-time friends and acquaintances, and one which will never be forgotten by those present. The fraternal fires which were rekindled on that day have never gone out, and although it has since been the earnest wish of many that an annual, or at least bienniel, reunion be held, it failed of realization for the lack of a permanent organization to manage the details of such an occasion. To accomplish the desired purpose Mr. Greenwood's energy and perseverence was again called into requisition a few months ago, which resulted in another gather-

ing of past and present residents on the afternoon and evening of May 24th, 1893, at Viall's Hotel, in West Richfield, for the purpose of perfecting a permanent organization. Numerous invitations to the meeting were sent out, and about one hundred and and eighty responded in person, while many others did so by letter. About 6:30 o'clock P. M. the visitors assembled in the hall of the hotel and were warmly welcomed by Mr. R C. Ellsworth, temporary chairman.

It being the unanimous sense of the assemblage that a permanent organization be formed, to be known as *The Richfield Reunion Association*, the same was accomplished by the election of the following officers:

PRESIDENT—R. C. Ellsworth, West Richfield.

VICE PRESIDENTS—H. C. Searles, Akron, O.; J. F. Eckert, Berea, O.; E. W. Poole, Cleveland, O.; Clarence Oviatt, Medina, O.

SECRETARY—H. Greenwood, 151 Upson street, Akron, O.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY—F. M. Chandler, 712 Logan avenue, Cleveland, O.

TREASURER—Emmon S. Oviatt, Akron, O.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Mrs. E. S. Oviatt, chairman, Akron, O.; Mrs. Wm. E. Shepard, Akron, O.; Mrs. W. C. Garthwait, Cleveland, O.; Mrs. Eber Hawkins, West Richfield, O.; Mrs. Samuel

Fauble, West Richfield, O.; Miss Mina Culver, West Richfield, O.; the President, Secretary and Treasurer, members ex-officio.

HISTORIANS—Dr. A. E. Ewing, Richfield, O.; Mrs. Henry Kilhefer, West Richfield, O.; Harvey Welton, Esq., West Richfield, O.

By-Laws and Regulations.

The Association shall be known as The Richfield Reunion Association.

The members of said Association shall consist of all past and present residents of the Township of Richfield, Summit County, Ohio, and their descendants.

For the purpose of providing for the payment of the expenses of the Association, each male member thereof shall contribute annually the sum of fifty cents.

The officers shall serve for one year, or until their successors are elected.

Twenty-five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Members are expected to attend all meetings of the Association and on the day of the annual

reunion to lay aside their business cares and join in fraternal and social greetings and visitations.

The proceedings of the Association shall be published annually for distribution among the members.

Business meetings of the Association will be held promptly at 10 o'clock A. M. on the day of the annual reunion, in order that the social features of the occasion may not be interfered with.

All members are expected and urgently requested to lend every effort to promote the welfare and success of the Association, to pay their dues promptly, to furnish the Secretary a list of their names and postoffice addresses, and to notify him of any change of address. To furnish the Corresponding Secretary, for the use of the Historians, such items of interest concerning themselves or their families, and in every way co-operate with the officers and members generally to the end that interest in the Association will increase from year to year, and be an incentive to our successors to continue its existence for generations to come.

It is the desire of the Association to purchase and own all chairs, tables, cooking utensils, etc., as are necessary for use at its annual reunions.

PRESIDENT.

The president shall preside at all meetings of the Association, sign all orders on the Treasurer

and perform such other duties usually devolving on his office

VICE PRESIDENT.

In the absence of the president the vice-presidents shall select one of their number to perform the duties imposed upon him, and, in conjunction with the other officers of the Association, shall constitute an advisory board.

SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of meetings, issue all orders on the Treasurer, and keep a record of all receipts and disbursements, and report the same annually to the Association. He shall carefully preserve and care for the records and property of the Association, receive all moneys and pay the same immediately to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor. He shall render such assistance to the executive and other committees as they may require for the prompt discharge of their duties.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The Corresponding Secretary shall attend to the correspondence of the Association, formulate the reports of Committees and render such assistance to the Historians and Secretary as they may from time to time require, and in the event of the absence or disability of the Secretary he shall perform the duties of the Secretary, pro tem.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys due the Association and disburse the same on orders signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary and Chairman of the Executive Committee and report annually to the Association.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee with the President, Secretary and Treasurer, shall be the Trustees of the property of the Association, and shall constitute the General Committee of arrangements for all meetings and reunions, and when not otherwise determined by vote of the Association shall fix the time of holding all business, or social meetings or reunions, and arrange the details thereof, and when deemed advisable shall have power to appoint such sub-committees as may be necessary, and assign them to such duties as are required.

HISTORIANS.

The Historians shall prepare for publication in the proceedings of the Association a brief and concise historical sketch of the township of Richfield from its early settlement to the present time, and shall thereafter chronicle all interesting events occurring therein and report the same at the annual meetings of the Association. They shall also prepare an obituary record of members who have died during the year. Members will please

bear in mind that the labors of the Historians will be necessarily arduous and that they can render invaluable assistance by sending them such items of interest as may be within their knowledge. Short sketches and reminiscences being specially desired.

R. C. ELLSWORTH, *President.*
F. M. CHANDLER, *Sec'y pro tem.*

Appendix.

(*From Beacon Letter.*)

The reunion and banquet, so long anticipated, was held at the Viall Hotel, at West Richfield, May 24. The weather could not have been more auspicious had it been made to order. It was one of the most successful social events of some years in old Richfield. The company, consisting largely of the boys and girls of thirty years ago, coming from Akron, Berea, Cleveland, Medina and representatives from Kansas and Michigan, also residents of Richfield. After hand shaking and hearty greetings, at about 6:30 o'clock, the company assembled in Mr. Viall's commodious hall. The visitors were

given a welcome in a few appropriate words by R. C. Ellsworth, and in giving the guests the freedom of the city, presented an imitation key made of wood and quite large dimensions, which purported to be the key to their museum, library, city buildings and park. Emmon S. Oviatt was selected as custodian. He accepted this great responsibility with a few appropriate words. Remarks were made by M. H. Stofer, of Cleveland; P. L. Allen, Wm. Townsend, of Richfield, and others. It has long been the desire of all who have resided in Richfield at any period, and their descendants, to hold these social gatherings more frequently, and in furtherance of this desire the company, by vote, named the association, Richfield Reunion Association. The association at once proceeded to elect officers: R. C. Ellsworth was elected president: H. C. Searles, of Akron, J. F. Eckert, of Berea, Dr. E. W. Poole, of Cleveland, and Clarence Oviatt of Medina, were elected vice-presidents; E. S. Oviatt was elected treasurer, H. Greenwood was elected secretary, both are of Akron; F. M. Chandler, of Cleveland, was elected corresponding secretary. An executive committee, consisting of ladies, was also elected, composed of Mrs. Emmon S. Oviatt, chairman, Mrs. Wm. Shepard, both of Akron; Mrs. Wm. Garthwait, of Cleveland; Mrs. Eber Hawkins, Mrs. Samuel Fauble, and Miss

Mina Culver, all of Richfield; Mrs. Henry Kilefer and Dr. A. E. Ewing, were chosen historians. Both are of Richfield. Letters of regret were read from Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Wood, of Medina; Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Bouse, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Oviatt, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barris, Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Poole, and Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Chandler, all of Cleveland. The company then assembled in the hotel dining room, where a most bounteous repast had been prepared by Mrs. Viall, assisted by a corps of Richfield's young men and young ladies, the young ladies being uniformly dressed in white. The menu was complete in every detail, and would put far in the background the efforts of any of the first hotels in Cleveland. It consisted of chicken pie, roast meats, cold meats, salads, all the delicacies of the season, ices, ice cream and a variety of pastries. After the company had done ample justice to the repast a variety of amusements were participated in, consisting of instrumental music, singing, checker playing, and tripping the light fantastic toe. Prof. D. E. Shepard's Orchestra, of Akron, furnished excellent music and many of the old boys and girls forgot for a time all rheumatics, aches and pain, and participated in the amusement to quite a late hour. This occasion will long be remembered as a bright star in our busy lives. The Richfield Reunion Association adjourned until the second Wednesday of June, 1894.

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